

CLAIM OR CLAIMS:

0001. Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Patent:

0002. 1. **(Currently Amended)** A receptacle mounted in front of and below an opening through a door, wall, or related partition to receive mail ~~and the like~~ comprising of a face-plate located in front of the mail opening of which the mail is to come into contact with, thus causing it and side-plates to rotate about a pivot point provided by a rod ~~or the like~~ located at the base of ~~the~~ a receptacle;

and a the face-plate, the side plates, and encasement plates being so related to one another as to be inter-locked in a manner that allows the side-plates and face-plate to move past one another while maintaining the ability to stop them and hold them in a rotated position about said rod, creating planes between which to retain the mail ~~and the like~~ all inter-locked to and supported by the encasement plates flanking ~~the~~ sides of the receptacle and the mail opening which are attached to a bottom and back panel.

0003. 2. **(Currently Amended)** A receptacle mounted underneath, on one side of, attached in front of, and about an opening through a door, wall, or related partition to receive mail ~~and the like~~ comprising of a face-plate containing in part or in

full the shape of an arc being so located as to be in front of and equal to the top of the mail opening of which the mail is to come into contact with, thus causing it and side-plates to rotate about a pivot point provided by a rod ~~or the like~~ located at the base of ~~the~~ a receptacle;

and the face-plate, the side plates, and encasement plates being so related to one another as to be inter-locked in a manner that allows the side-plates and face-plate to move past one another while maintaining the ability to stop them and hold them in a rotated, position about the pivot point, provided by a rod ~~or the like~~ at the base of the receptacle, creating planes between which to retain the mail ~~and the like~~ all inter-locked to and supported by the encasement plates flanking ~~the~~ sides of the receptacle and the mail opening which are attached to a bottom and back panel.

0004. 3. **(Currently Amended)** The receptacle as defined in claim 1, comprising of a collection area able to expand when mail ~~and the like~~ strikes the face-plate.

0005. 4. **(Original)** The receptacle as defined in claim 2, comprising of a collection area able to collapse when force is applied to; or as the face-plate strikes an adjacent surface.

0006. 5. **(Currently Amended)** The receptacle as defined in claim 2, comprising of a guide or guides and extension piece or pieces engaged with one another as to have the extension piece of ~~one plate~~ the side plates be placed within an area in whole or partially confined by ~~an~~ the adjacent side plate's guide so as to inter-lock the plates.

0007. 6. **(Currently Amended)** The receptacle as defined in Claim 2, ~~comprising of a~~ wherein the rod is ~~, rivet, bolt, pin, or~~ ~~related devise~~ in an a centric positioning to the plates' center of gravity when the plates are collapsed, extended or in a stationary position about the ~~said~~ rod.

0008. 7. **(Currently Amended)** The receptacle as defined in Claim 2, comprising of an angle of that of the face-plate to that of the back panel when expanded is such that mail ~~and the like~~ will not fall out of the collection area while maintaining the ability to collapse the receiving area upon contact with the adjacent surface.

0009. 8. **(Currently Amended)** A method for automatically expanding a mail collection area to receive ~~the~~ mail as it enters through an opening provided at a door, wall or related partition comprising of the steps of: the mail striking a face plate of the receptacle located in front of the opening; the mail pushing against said face-plate with force causing it to

rotate about a pivot point, thus causing the face-plate and ~~the~~ inter-locking side-plates of the receptacle to move past one another and hold one another creating planes between which to retain said mail.

0010. 9. **(Currently Amended)** A method for automatically collapsing a mail collection area as it strikes an adjacent surface comprising of the steps of: ~~the~~ a door to which ~~the~~ a receptacle is mounted to is opened; ~~the~~ a face-plate of the receptacle striking ~~an~~ the adjacent surface forcing the plate to slide up said surface, thus collapsing ~~the~~ inter-locking side-plates of the receptacle and the face-plate allowing the collection area to become contracted.